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PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING COHORT SELECTED

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Sacred Writes: Public Scholarship on Religion is delighted to announce the selection of ten outstanding scholars for inclusion in our 2020 training cohort. These scholars will meet in June for one week to cultivate practical skills toward producing public-facing work based on their areas of expertise, as well as to build a community of accountability and support for sustainable, responsible public scholarship on religion.

Each scholar selected to participate in this year's training receives a \$1000 stipend as well as travel and accommodations for their time in Boston. These ten scholars each have committed to placing two pieces of public scholarship (including but not limited to op-eds, public interviews, and trade books) within a year of their meeting.

This year's public scholarship training cohort includes:

- **N. Fadeke Castor**, Assistant Professor of Religion and Anthropology at Northeastern University, scholar of religion, race, and the intersectional politics of decolonization
- **Ambre Dromgoole**, Ph.D. candidate in Religion and African American Studies at Yale University, scholar of Black religion and popular culture
- **Caleb Eifenbein**, Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies and Director of the Center for Humanities at Grinnell College, scholar of religion, community, public life, and human welfare
- **Lynne Gerber**, independent scholar of religion and bodies, currently working on a history of religion and HIV/AIDS in San Francisco
- **Abel Gómez**, Ph.D. candidate in Religion at Syracuse University, scholar of sacred sites, ritual, and decolonization in the context of contemporary Indigenous religion

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- **James Howard Hill, Jr.**, Ph.D. candidate in Religion at Northwestern University, scholar of Black studies, disability studies, genders and sexualities, popular culture, performance studies, and religious traditions within the U.S.
- **Suzanna Krivulskaya**, Assistant Professor of History at California State University San Marcos, scholar of modern American religious history and sexuality
- **Anne Mocko**, Associate Professor of Asian Religions at Concordia College, scholar of ritual in the religions of South Asia
- **Shaily Patel**, Assistant Professor of Early Christianity at Virginia Tech, scholar of ancient magic, early Christian literature, and ideological criticisms of the New Testament
- **Shannon Trospen Schorey**, Content Strategist at Red Hat, scholar of science and technology studies, American religious history, media studies, and culture

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